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member having an inner and an outer surface, one of said stent and graft members surrounding at least a portion of the other; and

a helically configured ribbon interconnecting less than entirely one of said inner and outer surfaces of said graft member to said stent member.

26. (Twice Amended) A stent-graft comprising:

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a stent member having an inner surface and an outer surface, said stent member including a first member and a second member, said first member being arranged in a helical configuration with multiple helical turns, said second member coupling adjacent helical turns;

a [generally tubular] graft member at least in part being generally tubular, said graft member having an inner surface and an outer surface, one of said stent and graft members surrounding at least a portion of the other, and

a helically arranged coupling member coupling less than entirely one of said inner and outer surfaces of said graft member to said stent member.

3130. (Twice Amended) A method of deploying a stent-graft comprising the steps of:

a) providing a stent-graft including:

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i) a stent member having an inner surface and an outer surface;
ii) a [generally tubular] graft member at least in-part being generally tubular;

and

- iii) a ribbon adhered in contact with at least one of the inner and outer

surfaces of said stent member and forming multiple strips spaced from one another; said ribbon securing the stent member and graft member to one another

- b) conforming said stent-graft into a deployable configuration;
- c) placing said deployable configured stent-graft from step b) at a first site; and
- d) expanding said deployed stent-graft of step c) at said site into an enlarged, deployed configuration.

41. (Amended) A stent-graft comprising a generally tubular stent member having multiple undulations, each having an amplitude; a [generally tubular] graft member at least in part being generally tubular disposed within said stent member; and a tape helically arranged to contact at least an inner or an outer circumference of said stent member and forming multiple windings spaced from one another, each of said multiple windings covering only a portion of the amplitude of the undulations.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 33, 35 - 42 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 22, 26, 30 and 42 have been further amended in formal regards only, and not in response to any rejection of record under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103. Specifically all the independent claims, previously amended on February 3, 1999, have been further amended to change the phrase "a generally tubular graft member" to -- a graft member at least in part being generally tubular --. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Claims 30 - 40 stand withdrawn from consideration by the